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BIRD-RINGING RESULTS AND RINGED BIRD RECOVERIES IN ETHIOPIA

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A bird-ringing scheme commenced in Ethiopia in 1969, and remained active through 1980. Interim results and the totals ringed appeared in duplicated reports (Ash 1972-1975, 1977-1979) and one printed report (Ash 1976), but these had limited circulation and are not readily available. As active ringing has now ceased, except of *Quelea quelea* by W. Erickson in connexion with an FAO project, and there is little likelihood of any further recoveries, it is expedient to summarize all the results in one place.

An attempt was made, by contacting the main ringing schemes, to trace all the recoveries of ringed birds in Ethiopia, so the opportunity is also taken to publish all the recoveries known to me of ringed birds in the country. Some of these have incomplete data, and others may not have been traced, so I shall be grateful for addenda and corrigenda to the list included here.

The following participated in the ringing scheme during the years shown against their names, with individual ringing totals in parentheses:

Dr J.S. Ash, 1969-1977 (42 304); Dr R.W. Ashford, 1972 (296); C. Erard, 1971 (18); W. Erickson, 1977-1980 (12 410); Brother Edmund Johnson, 1974-1977 (250); G. Nikolaus, 1972-1976 (1516); Dr C.S. Olson, 1973-1975 (280); H. Pain, 1975-1976 (1194); Dr S.J. Tyler, 1973-1976 (2710); Dr E.K. Urban, 1973-1974 (325).

A grand total of 61 303 birds was ringed of 495 species during the period, but a degree of selection was involved, and only about half the birds captured were actually ringed. Those mainly ringed included the following: samples of 50 Afrotropical species in each of five areas in connexion with arbovirus studies, all Palaearctic migrants, all known intra-tropical migrants, and others in special studies (e.g. garden bird studies in Addis Ababa, a White Pelican study, etc.).

Only British Trust for Ornithology rings were used. The recovery rate was very low, as might be expected, for largely there is indifference to birds in Ethiopia, and most migrants leaving pass over large tracts of country with small human populations with a high degree of illiteracy - factors which militate against the reporting of recoveries. The only other bird-ringing undertaken in Ethiopia so far as I know is a small number (560) by a Swedish group (Broberg 1967), and some colour-ringing in 1968 in an Addis Ababa garden (Urban 1975). Other results from ringing in Ethiopia, in addition to the reports quoted above, have been published elsewhere, notably in Ash (1978a), Tyler (1979) and Urban & Jefford (1977).

The total list of species ringed is too long for inclusion here, but can be found in the separate annual reports. Table 1 includes only the totals of

Palaearctic migrants ringed, together with those of other species for which recoveries were reported by the British Trust for Ornithology. For those Palaearctic species which have Afrotropical representitives, such as Little Bittern, Scops Owl, Hoopoe, etc., only those are included for which subspecific identification was certain. Others which cannot be separated, such as Squacco Heron, are excluded.

TABLE 1

Ringing totals of Palaearctic migrants and of those other species for which recoveries were reported by the British Trust for Ornithology

Species	Ringed Re	cov
Pelecanus onocrotalus White Pelican	420	4
Ixobrychus minutus Little Bittern	14*	-
Phoenicopterus ruber Greater Flamingo	8	-
Alopochen aegyptiacus Egyptian Goose	22	1
Anas acuta Pintail	3	-
Anas clypeata Shoveler	2	-
Anas querquedula Garganey	8	-
Circus aeruginosus Eurasian Marsh Harrier	1	-
Circus macrourus Pallid Harrier	6	-
Circus pygarus Montagu's Harrier	2	-
Accipiter tachiro African Goshawk	17	1
Buteo augur Augur Buzzard	35	2
Buteo buteo Common Buzzard	2	-
Milvus migrans Black Kite	25	1
Falco chicquera Red-necked Falcon	4	1
Falco peregrinus Peregrine Falcon	1	-
Coturnix coturnix Quail	4	_
Crex crex Corncrake	2	_
Porzana porzana Spotted Crake	1	_
Charadrius alexandrinus Kentish Plover	8	-
Charadrius asiaticus Caspian Plover	1	_
Charadrius dubius Little Ringed Plover	77	_
Charadrius hiaticula Ringed Plover	94	
Charadrius mongolus Mongolian Sandplover	1	_
Pluvialis squatarola Grey Plover	1	_
Vanellus spinosus Spur-winged Plover	471	2
Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper	451	-
Tringa glareola Wood Sandpiper	666	
	17	
Tringa nebularia Greenshank	42	
Tringa ochropus Green Sandpiper	188	
Tringa stagnatilis Marsh Sandpiper	20	
Tringa totanus Redshank	21	
Xenus cinereus Terek Sandpiper	177	
Gallinago gallinago Common Snipe	-	
Gallinago media Great Snipe	3	
Calidris alpina Dunlin		
Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper	268	-
Calidris minuta Little Stint	1390	1
Calidris temminckii Temminck's Stint	233	
Limicola falcinellus Broad-billed Sandpiper	. 2	-

Table 1, Continued

Species	Ringed	Recov
Limosa limosa Black-tailed Godwit	3	-
Philomachus pugnax Ruff	558	2
Arenaria interpres Turnstone	1	-
Pluvianus aegyptius Egyptian Plover	36	2
Larus ridibundus Black-headed Gull	4	-
Clidonias leucopterus White-winged Black Tern	17	-
Gelochelidon nilotica Gull-billed Tern	1	-
Pterocles quadricinctus Four-banded Sandgrouse	22	1
Streptopelia decipiens Mourning Dove	1655	2
Streptopelia lugens Dusky Turtle Dove	126	1
Streptopelia turtur Turtle Dove	30	2
Cuculus canorus Eurasian Cuckoo	7	-
Asio flammeus Short-eared Owl	1	
Otus scops Scops Owl	22	
Caprimulgus europaeus Eurasian Nightjar	15	-
Apus apus Eurasian Swift	1	-
Ceryle rudis Pied Kingfisher	271	3
Halcyon leucocephala Chestnut-bellied Kingfisher	562	
Merops apiaster Eurasian Bee-eater	3	
Merops persicus Blue-cheeked Bee-eater	3	
Upupa epops Hoopoe	74	_
Jynx torquilla Eurasian Wryneck	86	1
Hirundo rustica Eurasian Swallow	1019	4
Riparia riparia Sand Martin	382	
Oriolus oriolus Golden Oriole	15	
Pycnonotus barbatus Common Bulbul	1440	1
Cercotrichas galactotes Rufous Bush Chat	25	-
Irania gutturalis Irania	19	-
Luscinia luscinia Sprosser	154	-
Luscinia megarhynchos Nightingale	510	1
Luscinia svecica Bluethroat	25	
Monticola saxatilis Rock Thrush	7	
Monticola solitarius Blue Rock Thrush	2	-
Oenanthe hispanica Black-eared Wheatear	2	-
Oenanthe isabellina Isabelline Wheatear	32	-
Oenanthe oenanthe Northern Wheatear	12	-
Oenanthe pleschanka Pied Wheatear	56	-
Phoenicurus phoenicurus Redstart	294	-
Saxicola rubetra Whinchat	24	-
Saxicola torquata Stonechat	18	
Turdus abyssinicus Northern Olive Thrush	168	3 2
Turdus litsipsirupa Groundscraper Thrush	9	1
Turdus philomelos Song Thrush	6	-
Acrocephalus arundinaceus Great Reed Warbler	100) –
Acrocephalus griseldis Basra Reed Warbler	61	1
Acrocephalus palustris Marsh Warbler	77	7 –
Acrocephalus schoenobaenus Sedge Warbler	89	- (
Acrocephalus scirpaceus Reed Warbler	1158	3 1
Acrocephalus stentoreus Clamorous Reed Warbler	2	2 -
Hippolais icterina Icterine Warbler		3 -

Table 1, Continued

Species	Ringed	Recov
Hippolais languida Upcher's Warbler	8	_
Hippolais pallida Olivaceous Warbler	297	-
Locustella fluviatilis River Warbler	11	-
Locustella luscinioides Savi's Warbler	68	-
Locustella naevia Grasshopper Warbler	6	_
Phylloscopus collybita Chiffchaff	406	-
Phylloscopus sibilatrix Wood Warbler	1	-
Phylloscopus trochilus Willow Warbler	1232	_
Sylvia atricapilla Blackcap	902	4
Sylvia borin Garden Warbler	361	-
Sylvia communis Whitethroat	505	
Sylvia curruca Lesser Whitethroat	246	-
Sylvia hortensis Orphean Warbler	28	-
Sylvia mystacea Mėnėtries' Warbler	27	-
Sylvia nisoria Barred Warbler	162	-
Muscicapa striata Spotted Flycatcher	91	-
Anthus cervinus Red-throated Pipit	204	-
Anthus trivialis Tree Pipit	141	-
Motacilla alba White Wagtail	36	-
Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail	7	-
Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail	1162	1
Dryoscopus gambensis Northern Puffback	36	1
Lanius collurio Red-backed Shrike	42	-
Lanius isabellinus Red-tailed Shrike	33	-
Lanius nubicus Nubian Shrike	54	1
Lanius senator Woodchat Shrike	2	-
Creatophora cinerea Wattled Starling	527	1
Lamprotornis chalybaeus Blue-eared Glossy Starling	510	1
Nectarinia tacazze Tacazze Sunbird	228	1
Ploceus baglafecht Baglafecht Weaver	236	1
Ploceus taeniopterus Northern Masked Weaver	819	2
Passer griseus Grey-headed Sparrow	491	1
Hypochera chalybeata Indigobird	502	1
Emberiza hortulana Ortolan Bunting	31	-

^{*}Palaearctic migrant races only totalled.

RECOVERIES

In 1972 I circulated a list of all recoveries of birds known at that time in Ethiopia to 51 major ringing schemes asking for additions and amendments. The following were written to; those marked with one asterisk replied, stating that there were no additional data; those marked (*) stated that it was not possible to check their records, and those with two asterisks sent additional data; there was no reply from the others: Angola: Dr Pinto, Dr Santos. Belgium: Brussels. Bulgaria: Sofia**. Channel Islands: Jersey. Cyprus: Cyprus Ornithological Society, Dr G.E. Watson. Czechoslovakia: Prague. Denmark: Dansk Ornithologisk Central*, Ringmærknings Afdelingen*, Kalo*, Copenhagen*. East Germany: Hiddensee*. Egypt: Dr G.E. Watson. Estonia: Lihula*. Ethiopia: Dr E.K. Urban. Finland: Helsinki*. France: CRMMO. Hungary: Budapest. Iceland: Reykjavik. India: Dr Salim Ali. Iran: Dr D.A. Scott*. Italy: Bologna. Jordan: Dr G.E. Watson. Kenya: Nairobi. Morocco: Rabat*. Netherlands: Arnhem*. Nigeria: Dr C.H.Fry.

Norway: Vollebekk(*), Stavanger*. Poland: Varsovia**, Dr W. Rydzewski**. Portugal: Oporto*. Romania: Bucarest. Senegal: Dr G. Morel. South Africa: Rondebosch*. South West Africa: Dr R.A.C. Jensen. Spain: Grupo de Ciencias Naturales Aranzadi, Madrid. Sweden: Norrköping*, Stockholm(*). Switzerland: Sempach*. U.K.: B.T.O*. U.S.S.R.: Moscow. West Germany: Helgoland**, Radolfzell**. Yugoslavia: Zagreb. Zaïre: Dr De Bont. Zambia: R.J. Dowsett. Zimbabwe: Dr R.M. Harwin.

The earlier results of such schemes as Radolfzell, Helgoland, and Rossitten are difficult to trace, and are probably incomplete, but some recoveries have been found in the literature. In addition, Gerhard Nikolaus kindly searched the Helgoland data files and was able to locate many recoveries, and the late Dr W. Rydzewski provided a valuable list. However, no exhaustive search of the literature has been possible.

From the 61 303 birds ringed in 1969-1980 only 58 recoveries were notified to the B.T.O. and passed to me (0.09 per cent), and of these only 30 were found in Ethiopia. As the value of ringing in Ethiopia largely lies in the need to recognize individuals in special studies, any recovery is to be regarded as a bonus, and almost every one of them is of special value, and provides new knowledge from an area that is virtually unknown as far as bird movements are concerned. Of the known 14619 Palaearctic migrants ringed, 21 recoveries (0.14 per cent) were reported through the B.T.O. compared with 37 (0.07 per cent) from the other species. However, only two of the Palaearctic migrants were recovered in Africa (0.01 per cent), the remainder being recovered outside (0.13 per cent). Thus the chances of a ringed migrant being recovered outside Africa is 13 times greater than within the continent, and about two times greater than a non-Palaearctic migrant being recovered within Africa. This does not necessarily mean that its chance of survival is less outside Africa (although it may be), but that the chance of its ring being reported is greater. There are seven times fewer (0.01 per cent) Palaearctic migrants recovered within Africa than there are Afrotropical species (0.07 per cent), which suggests a lower mortality rate for the migrants within the continent, not allowing for the fact that they may be there for only about half the year. However, so many interacting factors are involved that the figures do not justify further analysis.

Table 2 details recoveries of birds ringed in Ethiopia, all by the present scheme (i.e. with B.T.O. rings), and recovered elsewhere, and of birds ringed in other countries and reported from Ethiopia. Recoveries within Ethiopia exclude a huge number of retrapped birds at the site of ringing, as well as others showing only local movements. Nomenclature and sequence, as in Table 1, follow Britton (1980). The conventions and symbols used follow Spencer & Hudson (1978), with the following additional abbreviations used for foreign ringing schemes: BTO - British Trust for Ornithology, Mort. - Mortensen.

In addition, the time elapsing between ringing and recovery follows Backhurst's (1974) convention, e.g. 1:7:13 indicates 1 year, 7 months and 13 days. For ease of reference the White Stork recoveries are grouped in numerical order under their respective ringing schemes, but only the first recovery in each group is identified by its scheme.

Geographical co-ordinates are given in degrees and minutes but the symbols for these units are omitted. Data given in parentheses are approximate while those enclosing the recovery date have the added meaning of denoting the date of the reporting letter (Spencer & Hudson 1978).

Besides the long series of White Stork recoveries, there are many others of special interest. Of particular note is the Squacco Heron, which is, I believe, the first more-than-presumptive evidence for a Eurasian bird in eastern Africa (vide Moreau 1972); the Terek and Curlew Sandpipers were presumably on trans-African migration northwards from South Africa, although the latter was

probably a non-breeding bird stopping-over in Ethiopia for the northern summer; a Ruff from the farthest extremity of its range in Siberia; evidence for intratropical migration in Egyptian Plover, Pied and Chestnut-bellied Kingfishers; evidence for the origin of east African Turtle Doves from the southern U.S.S.R.; an overwintering Eurasian Wryneck in Addis Ababa; a Nightingale from Armeniya confirming its identification as the race L.m. africana; four Blackcaps from Syria and Lebanon, and the first record for a Eurasian Starling from south of the Sahara (although since then there has been another, a sight record).



Fig. 1. Map showing ringing sites of ringed birds recovered in Ethiopia, and localities where birds ringed in Ethiopia were recovered. Key opposite

TABLE 2
Recoveries involving Ethiopia

Note: where no country name is given, the locality is in Ethiopia.

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Z302	1 vv	May/Jun 72 21.06.72	Lake Shalla, 7.27N 38.28E, (Shoa). Dit Bahari, 11.32N 41.16E, (Harrar), 548km (0:1:0); seen until 05.07.72.
Z302	1 vv	May/Jun 72 21.06.72	Lake Shalla. Dit Bahari; seen until 05.07.72.
z33	1 vv	Apr/May 73 08.08.73	Lake Shalla. Nderit River, 00.20S 36.05E, Lake Nakuru, KENYA, (0:3:0), 904km; also seen 09.08.73.
z33526	1 +	21.04.73 08.05.73	Lake Shalla. 10 km W of Asosa, 10.02N 34.26E, (Wollega), 528 km, 0:0:17.
Z33581	1 +	26.05.73 03.06.73	Lake Shalla. Shenon, 8.23N 37.28E, (Shoa), 151km, 0:0:8.
z33657	1 x	04.05.74 27.05.74	Lake Shalla. Kwetu Farm, 00.29S 36.19E, Gilgil, KENYA, 913km, 0:0:23.
z33	1 vv	01.06.74	Lake Shalla. Lake Langano, 7.34N 38.51E. (Shoa), 44 km, 0:0:14.

The first three records and the last are sightings of birds with coloured markers. Z33581 was reported killed whilst eating sheep!

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Varsovia	1	25.05.71	Krzyzowiec Forest Range, 51.56N 16.23 E, Wlosza-
			kowice, Leszno, POLAND.
	/?/	(00.07.73)	Ethiopia.

Table 2 continued overleaf

KEY TO RECOVERIES

A White Pelican 2	M Ruff 1	W Basra Reed W'bler 1
B Grey Heron 1	N Terek Sandpiper 1	X Reed Warbler 1
C Squacco Heron 1	O Egyptian Plover 2	Y Eurasian Swallow 4
E Black Stork 2	P Lesser Black-backed Gull 6	Z Sand Martin 1
F Greater Flamingo 3	Q Caspian Tern 1	a Nubian Shrike 1
G Lesser Flamingo 1	R Pied Kingfisher 1	b Golden Oriole 1
H Black Kite 2	S Chestnut-bellied Kingfisher 2	c Yellow Wagtail 1
J Common Buzzard 1	T Hoopoe 1	d Eurasian Starling 1
K Curlew Sandpiper 1	U Nightingale 1	e Turtle Dove 2
L Little Stint 1	V Blackcap 4	f Osprey 1

D and the hatched area indicate where the 54 White Storks recovered in Ethiopia were ringed.

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Moscow E889558	1	20.06.74	Kzyl-Agach Reserve, Lenkoran, Azerbaijan, USSR, 39.00N 48.50E.
	v	13.09.75	Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa), 3531km, 1:2:24. Reringed BTO EF72162.

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CICONIA A	BDIMII	ABDIM'S STOR	ık
1080	1 vv	10.06.72 07.07.72	Lake Shalla, 7.27N 38.28E, (Shoa). Debre Zeit, 8.44N 38.59E, (Shoa), 154km, 0:0:27.
CICONIA C	ICONIA	WHITE STORK	
Bucarest B1910	1 /?/	24.06.66 late 11.66	Sf. Gheorghe, 44.55N 29.34E, Danube Delta,ROMANIA. 'Around Gondar', (12.37N 37.27E), (Begemdir), (0:5:0), (3666 km).
Budapest 9373	1 +	summer 25 00.12.26	Komajati, Abauj [untraced] HUNGARY. Adua, 14.09N 38.53E, (Tigre), (1:6:0).
Helgoland E2840	1 X	12.07.69 02.07.70	Böhme, 52.47N 9.28E, (Lüneburg), WEST GERMANY. Golgol, 14.07N 38.44E, (Tigre), 5011km, 0:11:20.
н4108	1	10.07.58	Grosswish, 53.51N 9.22E, (Schleswig Hostein), WEST GERMANY.
	Х	(14.03.61)	Wollo Province, (2:8:4).
Н9141	1/?/	14.06.63 (04.12.64)	Freiburg-Laak, 53.49N 9.17E, (Stade), WEST GERMANY. SW of Lake Tana, (Gojjam), (1:5:21).
н7211	1 X	18.06.62 (12.02.63)	Rethem, 52.47N 9.23E, Aller, WEST GERMANY. Sinna, (7.05N 40.10E), (Bale), (0:7:25), (5793 km).
205062	3 ()	00.00.34 (29.01.35)	Commerau b. Klix, 51.16N 14.32E, EAST GERMANY. Dera, 10.10N 38.59E, Salale, (Shoa), (0:7:0), 5079 km.
207671	1/?/	14.07.31 00.00.32	Oersdorf/Segeberg, 53.55N 10.20E, WEST GERMANY. Adi Quala, 14.37N 38.50E, (Eritrea), 5021km. [see notes]
207671	1 +	00.00.36 12.04.38	Rosenberg, 53.40N 11.14E, EAST GERMANY. 38km from Asmara, 15.20N 38.55E, 4829km. [see notes]
210488	1 ()	08.07.32 (22.09.33)	Thedinghausen, 53.00N 9.05E, Bremen, WEST GERMANY. Gondar, 12.36N 37.28E, (Begemdir), (1:2:0), 5144km.
212595	1 X	summer 39 09.12.39	Oberneuland, 50.30N 17.20E, Nysa, now POLAND. Combolcia, 11.04N 39.43E, (Wolo), (0:6:0), 4834km.
212946	3 /?/	10.07.33 29.08.36	Malini, 50.31N 18.18E, POLAND. S of Lake Tana, 11.35N 37.22E, (Gojjam), 3:1:19, 4662 km.
222133	1	27.06.57	Ochsenwerder, 53.29N 10.05E, Hamburg, WEST GERMANY.

20.11.58 Asmara, 15.20N 38.58E, (Eritrea), 1:4:23, 4959 km.

Fallersleben, 52.25N 10.44, WEST GERMANY.

Lake Tana, (12.00N 37.18E), (0:5:0), (5080 km).

226999	?	01.07.39 23.12.39	Nysa, 50.30N 17.20E, POLAND. Between Quozien Mariam and Blue Nile, 0:5:22.
230716	1 X	08.07.47 00.11.47	Bekmünde, 53.55N 8.30E, WEST GERMANY. Bishoftu, 8.44N 38.59E, (Shoa), (0:4:0), 5708km.
232981	1 X	21.06.51 (13.06.61)	Glückstadt, 53.47N 9.26E, Holstein, WEST GERMANY. Between Gore and Goba, 9.03N 38.42E, (Bale), 5613km.
234676	1 +	09.07.53 (13.06.61)	Hemke, 52.24N 7.55E, Niedersachsen, WEST GERMANY. Between Gore and Goba, 5560 km.
238147	1/?/	09.07.55 14.12.55	Wathlingen, 52.32N 10.09E, Lüneburg, WEST GERMANY. Gambela, (Tigre), 0:5:5. [see notes]
240504	1 +	09.07.55 00.12.57	Stellau/Wrist, 53.50N 9.45E, WEST GERMANY. Bahar Dar, 11.32N 37.25E, (Gojjam), (2:5:0), 5296 km.
242017	1 +	24.06.59 (09.12.60)	Artlenburg, 53.23N 10.28E, Lüneburg, WEST GERMANY. Tigre Province, (14N 38E), (1:5:0), (5000 km).
244928	1	10.07.68	Altrathjensdorf, 54.14N 11.00E, Oldenburg, WEST GERMANY.
	+	autumn 68	Dembi Woreda, 12.39N 37.29E, (Begendir), 5169km.
Hiddensee 8664	1 X	11.07.73 24.10.73	Mühro, 52.01N 12.15E, Zerbst, EAST GERMANY. Near Woliso, 8.32N 37.59E, (Shoa), 0:3:13, 5367km.
Kaunas B116	3 /?/	26.06.31 00.00.32	Sebaucius, 55.42N 24.50E, LITHUANIA. Danya, 6.30N 37.40E, (Gemu Gofa), 5584km.
Mort. 1638	3 ()	17.07.19 24.10.19	Varde, 55.37N 8.23E, Janderup, DENMARK. Near Adua, 14.09N 38.53E, (Tigre), 0:3:7, 5296km.
Radolfzell B51671	1 +	21.06.58 00.11.58	Horka, 51.17N 14.54E, (Niesky), EAST GERMANY. Teramni, 14.30N 39.00E, (Eritrea), (0:5:0), 4619 km.
вв994	1 X	06.06.68 (16.12.68)	Limnochorion, 40.37N 21.34E, Florina, GREECE. Engiabaia, 10.59N 37.00E, (Gojjam), (0:6:10), 3624 km.
вв8095	1 +	05.07.55 (14.02.56)	Bietikow, 53.19N 13.52E, Uckermark, EAST GERMANY. Kreis Bule, 6.20N 38.50E, (Sidamo), (0:7:9), 5688 km.
вв8720	1 +	29.06.57 01.01.58	Limberg, 51.43N 14.21E, Cottbus, EAST GERMANY. Wadla-Dawmt, 11N 39E, (Wollo), 0:6:3, (5040km).
вв8743	1 /?/ e	29.06.58 early 03.63	Sergen, 51.42N 14.30E, Cottbus, EAST GERMANY. Kloster Dinssa Kidanne Meheret, 12.36N 37.10E, near Bahar Dar, (Gojjam), (4:8:0), 4797 km.
вв9262	1	24.06.62	Hofenstetten, 49.20N 12.15E, Oberpfalz, WEST GERMANY.
	/?/	09.11.62	S of Lake Tana, (Gojjam), 0:4:14.
вв13458	1 /?/	17.07.60 (17.01.61)	Molkenberg, 52.42N 12.13E, Magdeburg, EAST GERMANY. Begemdir Province, (0:6:0).
вв13668	1	25.06.60	Blindow, 53.22N 13.53E, Neubrandenburg, EAST GERMANY.
	Х	(17.01.61)	Tigre Province, (0:6:23).
BB15556	1/?/	07.07.66 end 11.66	Grosspetersdorf, 47.14N 15.19E, Burgenland AUSTRIA. Near Harar, 9.20N 42.10E, (0:4:20), (4912 km).

Rossitten 1282	?	?	? [ringing data untraced] Near Bishoftu, 8.45N 38.58E, (Shoa).
B31480	3 +	28.06.33 05.03.34	Lugowen, 54.37N 21.50E, Chernyakhovsk, USSR. Engababa, 10.58N 36.58E, (Gojjam), 0:7:5, 5030 km.
B55368	1 X	22.06.38 21.06.39	Diebowen, 53.46N 21.37E, <i>now</i> POLAND. Ponte sul Ghibbie, 8.55N 37.08 E, (Wolega), 1:0:0, 5173 km.
B60181	1 +	04.07.35 (00.04.39)	Hagenow, 53.27N 11.12E, Greifenberg, EAST GERMANY. Bejan Grande, 7.40N 36.49E, (Kaffa), (3:9:0), 5584 km.
в64056	1 +	26.06.36 07.04.40	Woosmer, 53.12N 11.10E, Mecklenburg, EAST GERMANY. Dessie, 11.07N 39.38E, (Wollo), 0:9:12, 5317 km.
BB5141	3	00.06.35	'Strickershagen', '30.05N 16.52E!. [untraced, the co-ordinates are in Libya] Bonga, 7.15N 36.14E, (Kaffa), (1:7:0).
BB 12132	1 +	16.06.39 02.05.40	Wiesenberg, 52.24N 17.32E, now POLAND. Gulliso, 9.10N 35.30E, (Wolega), 0:10:16, 5071 km.
Sofia S12624	1 X win	26.06.33 nter 35/36	Borisovo, 43.55N 25.59E, Russe, BULGARIA. Lekempti, 9.05N 36.33E, (Wollega), 4003km.
S20081	1 X	28.06.35 00.00.35	Krivina, 43.06N 25.21E, Svishtov, BULGARIA. Adua, 14.10N 38.54E, (Tigre), 3466km.
S25674	1 X	12.07.36 00.00.40	Borisovo, BULGARIA. Neggio Nadseho, 9.29N 35.29E, (Wollega), 3935km.
s34885	1 X	00.07.40 22.11.40	Borisovo, BULGARIA. Gewani, 10.05N 40.37E, (Harar), (0:4:0), 4015km.
Varsovia B2282	1	08.06.33	Nowa Huta Forest Range, 53.40N 18.25E, Bydgoszcz, POLAND.
	+	00.12.33	Scire, 14.15N 38.15E, (Tigre), (0:6:0), 4711 km.
B522644	3 /?/	26.06.52 00.06.53	Tabory, 53.55N 19.31E, (Olsztyn), POLAND. 400 km W of Addis Ababa in Illubabor Province, (9N 39E), (1:0:0), (5300 km).
в527337	1 +	27.06.59 (09.12.60)	Radziadz, 51.31N 16.58E, Wroclaw, POLAND. Eritrea or Tigre Province, (1:6:0).
B528813	1 +	15.06.60 (09.12.60)	Leszczewek, 54.14N 23.05E, Bialystok, POLAND. Eritrea or Tigre Province, (0:5:24).
в530360	1 /?/	09.07.58 (06.12.58)	Slowin, 53.01N 15.47E, Szczecin, POLAND. Alfelira, 14.30N 39.00E, (Eritrea), (0:4:27), 4742km.
Zagreb D105048	1/?/	03.07.60 22.09.60	Idvor, 45.09N 20.36E, Kovacica, YUGOSLAVIA. Saganeiti, 15.04N 39.12E, (Eritrea), 0:2:19, 3770 km.
D108847	1 +	20.06.63	Senta, 45.36N 20.05E, YUGOSLAVIA. Near Axum, (14N 38E), (Tigre), (0:4:0), 3893 km.
D103156	1 X	17.06.60 (21.12.60)	Aradac, 45.25N 20.24E, Zrcnjanin, YUGOSLAVIA. Agordat, 15.33N 37.53E, (Eritrea), (0:6:0) 3699 km.

D1 01789	3	16.06.54	Kadino Selo, 41.54N 21.40E, Makedonija, YUGO- SLAVIA.
	х	00.12.54	Sakala District, (11.10N 37.15N), Gojjam, (0:6:0),

Notes: Helgoland E2840: a second recovery card for this ring is held by Vogelwarte Helgoland (Tigre Province, 05.08.70), however, the data given above are correct, for I reported the ring myself. Helgoland 207671: there are two sets of data for this ring number; the first has been confirmed as correct by Helgoland, so that the second is presumably correct ringing and recovery data but recorded under the wrong ring number. Helgoland 238147: there are several localities by this name in Ethiopia, but this one in Tigre Province cannot be traced.

CICONIA NIGRA BLACK STORK

Rossitten B62851		15.07.38 30.01.39	Rominter Heide, (54.23N 22.23E), now POLAND. Entotto, 9.07N 38.45E, (Shoa), 0:6:15, (5240km
Varsovia B521404	1	09.06.49	Budy Forest Range, 50.25N 22.04E, Rzeszow, POLAND.
	/?/	07.01.50	50 km E of Gondar, 12.35N 37.28E, (Begemdir), 0:6:29. 4431 km.

B62851 is this species (Vogelzug 11: 24); the entry as Ciconia ciconia in Vogelwarte 15: 168 is an error.

PHOENICONAIAS MINOR LESSER FLAMINGO

BTO	1	02.11.62	Lake Magadi, 1.55S 36.18E, KENYA.
1032064	X	09.07.64	Sodere, 8.25N 39.23E, (Shoa), (1:8:8), 1198 km.

PHOENICOPTERUS RUBER GREATER FLAMINGO

Iran LL1036	1	06.08.71	Ashk Is., 37.25N 45.30E, Lake Rezaiyeh, Azarbaijan, IRAN.
	/?/	00.09.71	Begemdir and Simien Province.
Iran	1	07.08.71	Ashk Is, IRAN.
LL1509	/3/	00.09.71	Begemdir and Simien Province.
Iran	1	25.08.73	Dowguzlar Isles, 37.18N 45.40E, IRAN.
LL3620	+	15.01.74	Massawa, (15.30N 39.30E), (Eritrea), 0:5:10, (2500 km).

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Moscow	3	?	?			
A19813	+	early 03.70	Alamata,	12.26N 39.35E	, Rayano Kobo,	(Wollo).

The description of the recovered bird suggested this species, but no information could be obtained from the Moscow Ringing Office.

BUTEO BUTEO COMMON BUZZARD

Rossitten	3	00.06.08	Dassow, 53.55N 10.59E, Mecklenburg, EAST GERMANY.
1286	+	02.11.23	Makalle, 13.31N 39.28E, Tembien, (Tigre), 15:5:0,
			5133 km.

The identification of this bird has been queried (vide Orn. Monatsber. 34: 86).

MILVUS MIGRANS	DIACV VIDE	
MILVUS MIGRANS	BLACK KITE	
FS11041 2 ()	09.12.72	Gambela, 8.15N 34.35E, (Illubabor). Kadogli, 11.00N 29.44E, Kordufan, SUDAN, 613km, 0:10:25.
Varsovia 1 C29399 /?/	26.06.61 09.10.61	Bienowice, 51.16N 16.17E, Wroclaw, POLAND. Near Dessie, 11.05N 39.40E, (Wollo), 0:3:13, 4942 km.
PANDION HALIAETU	S OSPREY	
Helsinki 1 M433 +	29.06.64	Kullaa, 61.33N 22.07E, Järventausta, FINLAND. Adua, 14.10N 38.54E, (Tigre), (0:7:0), 5433 km.
FALCO CHICQUERA	RED-NECKED F	ALCON
DS88423 2 & ()	07.12.72 04.03.74	Gambela, 8.15N 34.35E, (Illubabor). Gambela, 1:2:25.
TRINGA TOTANUS	REDSHANK	
CJ05566 2 v	19.10.71 19.12.71	Lake Abiata, 7.36N 38.40E, (Shoa). Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa), 0:2:0, 106km.
XENUS CINEREUS	TEREK SANDPIP	ER
<i>Pretoria</i> 6 2-48356 v	25.02.73 21.04.76	Langebaan, 33.05S 18.02E, Cape, SOUTH AFRICA. Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa), 3:1:27, 5125 km.
CALIDRIS FERRUGI	NEA CURLEW S	ANDPIPER
Pretoria 5	Jan/Apr 76 14.06.76	Langebaan, 33.05s 18.02E, Cape, SOUTH AFRICA. Lake Abiata, 7.34N 38.34E, (Shoa), (0:2:0), 5011km. (A sight record of a ringed and colour- dyed bird.)
CALIDRIS MINUTA	LITTLE STINT	
BP61799 2 v	22.01.76 17.07.76	Lake Langano, 7.34N, 38.51E, (Shoa). Lake Airkol, 48.28N 62.09E, Turgay Dolina, Kazakhstan, USSR, 0:6:25, 5044 km. Moscow K425413 added.
PHILOMACHUS PUGI	VAX RUFF	
CN35959 2 0 + +	31.10.70 17.05.74	Lake Abiata, 7.36N 38.40E, (Shoa). 26 km from Yakutsk, 62.19N 129.50E, USSR, 3:7:17, 9314 km.
CN35992 2 9 /?/	01.11.70 (17.08.72)	Lake Abiata. Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa), 1:9:16, 106km.
PLUVIANUS AEGYP	TIUS EGYPTIAN	PLOVER
СЈ06601 6	25.11.72	Gambela, 8.15N 32.38E, (Illubabor).
v	25.08.75	Kosti, 13.11N 32.38E, Blue Nile, SUDAN, 2:9:0, 588 km.
CJ40966 5 +	23.04.75 16.09.75	Gambela. Khartoum, 15.33N 32.35E, SUDAN, 0:4:24, 840km

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06.03.71 00.08.73

LARUS FUSCUS LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL

C114//J	т.	00.08.02	Gote, 0.03N 33.32E, (III ababot), (0.2.0), 3041 km.	
Helsinki H54378	1 X	28.06.64 17.10.64	<pre>Kustavi, 60.41N 21.03E, FINLAND. Gambela, 8.36N 40.29E, (Harar), 0:3:20), 6007 km.</pre>	
Helsinki H65506	1 X	02.07.66 00.01.68	Pitkäkari, 60.48N 21.05E, Turku-Pori, FINLAND. Lake Langano, 7.40N 38.45E, (Shoa), (1:5:0), 6084 km.	
Helsinki H105122	1/?/	08.07.69 (15.06.70)	Mjölö, 60.06N 25.03E, (Uusimaa), FINLAND. Archicho, 15.32N 39.28E, (Eritrea), (0:11:0), 5088 km.	
Helsinki HT00601	1 X	06.07.71 27.02.72	<pre>Korkiainen, 60.24N 27.42E, (Kymi), FINLAND. Lake Tana, (12.00N 37.30E), 0:7:21, (5440 km).</pre>	
Stockholm 8003025	1	08.07.62	Ängholmarna, 55.58N 14.26E, (Kristianstad), SWEDEN.	
	/?/	(27.10.62)	Wollega Province, (9N 35E), (0:3:0), (5500 km).	
STERNA CAS	PIA C	CASPIAN TERN		
Helsinki H76493	1 X	02.07.66 00.00.67	Sköldharuklobb, 59.51N 23.39E, (Uusimaa), FINLAND. Awasa, 7.10N 38.40E, (Sidamo), 5989km.	
STREPTOPELIA TURTUR TURTLE DOVE				
DA 10780	6 +	18.12.74 15.09.76	Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa). Near Konstantinoviskiy, 47.36N 41.06E, (Rostov), USSR, 1:8:28, 4354 km.	
DS88081	2 +	30.10.70 31.08.74	Lake Abiata, 7.36N 38.40E, (Shoa). Near Voznesensk, 47.34N 31.20E, Ukraine, USSR, 3:10:1, 4495km.	
CERYLE RUD	<i>IS</i> PI	ED KINGFISHER		
CN35308	2 X e	21.08.70 early 09.71	Gambela, 8.15 34.35, (Illubabor). Lake Kyoga, 1.38N 32.48E, near Alemere, UGANDA, (1:0:10), 761 km.	
Two other	Pied K	Kingfishers mo	ved 14 km.	
HALCYON LE	UCOCEF	PHALA CHESTNU	T-BELLIED KINGFISHER	
CJ40224	3 +	04.10.74 01.03.75	Aseita, 11.34N 41.27E, (Harar). Zombo, 4.00S 39.25E, near Mombasa, KENYA, 0:4:25, 1744km.	
CN35522	4 v	16.10.70 19.11.74	Lake Abiata, 7.36N 38.40E, (Shoa). Masogo, 0.10S 34.51E, Kano Plains, near Kisumu, KENYA, 4:1:3, 961km.	
CN35522 wa	s capt	cured and bled	in an American arbovirus study in Ethiopia, and	

was similarly treated in a British arbovirus study in Kenya: a remarkable

2068 km.

Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa).

Az Zilfi, 26.15N 44.50E, SAUDI ARABIA, (2:5:0),

17.06.62 Vastamaa, 60.15N 26.13E, FINLAND.

00.08.62 Gore, 8.09N 35.32E, (Illubabor), (0:2:0), 5841 km.

JYNX TORQUILLA EURASIAN WRYNECK

BP25712 2 06.11.73 Addis Ababa, 9	.02N	38.46E.
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+ 15.03.74 Addis Ababa, 0:4:9.

This bird was killed and stuffed by the finder.

HIRUNDO RUST	ICA EURA	ASIAN S	WALLOW
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HV16353	2	15.10.71	Lake Abiata, 7.36N 38.40E, (Shoa).
	Х	17.05.74	Near Babayurt, 43.37N 46.44E, Dagestan, USSR, 2:7:2, 4078 km.
HV16460	2	16.10.71	Lake Abiata.
	v	24.05.73	Near Blagordarnoye, 45.06N 43.26E, Stavropol', USSR, 1:7:8, 4192 km.
HV16920	2	28.10.71	Lake Abiata.
	Х	27.05.72	Near Belye Vody, 42.23N 69.49E, Chimkent, Kazakh- stan, USSR, 0:6:29, 4922km.
			Stall, OSSA, 0.0.29, 4322 km.
JX11109	4	18.04.76	Lake Langano, 7.34N 38.51E, (Shoa).
	Х	19.05.76	Near Uman', 48.44N 30.15E, Cherkassy, Ukraine, USSR, 0:1:1, 4645km.

RIPARIA RIPARIA SAND MARTIN

JK11274	4	20.05.75	Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa).
	Х	28.08.75	Near Magaramkent, 41.36N 48.22E, Dagestan, USSR,
			0:3:8, 3795 km.

ORIOLUS ORIOLUS GOLDEN ORIOLE

+ 04.07.75 Vonan Village, 34.34N 50.54E, IRAN, 0:8:28, 2729 km.

LUSCINIA MEGARHYNCHOS AFRICANA NIGHTINGALE

JJ20410	3	13.09.75	Koka,	8.27N	39.06E.	(Shoa).

+ 26.07.76 Near Yekhegnadzor, 39.55N 45.18E, Armeniya, USSR, 0:10:13, 3550 km.

ACROCEPHALUS GRISELDIS BASRA REED WARBLER

J553684 4 19.09./5 KOKa, 8.2/N 39.06E.	JS33684	19.09.75 Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa) .
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X (01.02.77) Chire, 16.42S 35.20E, Morrumbala District, Zambezia, MOZAMBIQUE, (1:4:13), 2825 km.

ACROCEPHALUS SCIRPACEUS REED WARBLER

HV13605	2	18.04.70	Bahadu,	10.05N	48.37E,	Gewani,	(Harar).	
	()	03.09.73	Ahmadi,	29.05N	48.04E,	KUWAIT,	3:4:16,	2112 km.

SYLVIA ATRICAPILLA BLACKCAP

HV17537	+	30.10.71 10.09.72	Lake Abiata, 7.36N 38.40E, (Shoa). Damascus, 33.30N 36.19E, SYRIA, 0:10:11, 2888 km.
JJ19430	20	20.11.72	Bulcha, 6.27N 38.11E, (Sidamo).

JJ19430 20 20.11.72 Bulcha, 6.27N 38.11E, (Sidamo). /?/ 02.05.73 Tripolis, 34.27N 35.49E, LEBANON, 0:5:12, 3121 km.

JJ 21251	48	27.01.74	Bulcha.
	+	21.04.74	Beirut, 33.52N 35.29E, LEBANON, 0:2:25, 3059 km
KC56497	4đ X	01.04.77 20.04.79	Debre Mariam Is., 11.38N 37.25E, (Shoa). Near Baabda, 33.50N 35.40E, LEBANON, 2:0:19, 2473km.

MOTACILLA FLAVA YELLOW WAGTAIL

JJ19245	2	24.10.72	Filwoha, 10.00N 40.33E, Mataka, (Harar).
	Х	23.10.75	Near Talovaya, 51.06N 40.43E, Voronezh, USSR,
			2:11:29, 4567 km.

Note the difference in migration dates in the two years.

LANIUS NUBICUS NUBIAN SHRIKE

BN54172	5φ	02.04.72	Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa).
	χ ⁺	13.05.73	Shuaiba, 29.03N 48.10E, Mina al Ahmadi, KUWAIT,
			1.1.11 2/77 km

STURNUS VULGARIS EURASIAN STARLING

Helgoland	1	19.05.32	Althaus, 50.37N 17.51E, POLAND.
619337	+	12.06.36	Dessie, 11.07N 39.38E, (Wolo), 4:0:24, 4817km.

The leg and ring of this bird were returned. It was the first record from south of the Sahara of a Eurasian Starling (Jitschin 1938). Mrs Ute Bechtloff of Vogelwarte Helgoland kindly investigated this record for me (in litt. 19.02.73) and confirmed that there seemed to be no error. The bird was shot, the leg and ring returned, together with a map showing the locality; it was confirmed also by the Italian Associazione Provinciale del Cacciatori, Firenze.

CREATOPHORA CINEREA WATTLED STARLING

CN36951	2	22.10.71	Lake Abiata, 7.36N 38.40E, (Shoa).	
	+	17.01.73	Dukem, 8.49N 38.54E, (Shoa), 1:2:26, 138 km	

ORTSTREUE

A total of 154 Palaearctic migrants of 29 species were retrapped in subsequent seasons, up to four or five years after the initial ringing. Some of these had clearly returned to previous winter quarters (e.g. Sylvia mystacea), but others of even more interest were returning to the same site on passage (e.g. Acrocephalus griseldis), indicating fidelity to migratory route. In the following list of species involved, the first figure refers to the number of seasons elapsed since ringing, and the figures in parentheses refer to the numbers of individuals involved each season. Eight birds were retrapped in more than one subsequent season, and these are detailed under month/year, where the first date shown is that of ringing:

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Charadrius alexandrinus 2 (1)
                                          4 (2); (one bird 10.73, 03.74, 04.76)
Charadrius dubius 1 (2)
                                          Calidris temminckii 1 (2), 2 (4)
Actitis hypoleucos 1 (5), 2 (1), 3 (1),
                                         Philomachus pugnax 1 (2)
 4 (1)
                                         Upupa epops 1 (1), 2 (1)
Tringa glareola 1 (1), 3 (2), 4 (2),
                                         Jynx torquilla 1 (1), 2 (1)
                                         Luscinia luscinia 1 (1), 2 (1)
  5 (1); (one bird 12.71, 10.74, 09.75,
  another 12.71, 10.74, 09.76)
                                         Luscinia megarhynchos 1 (21), 2 (3),
Calidris minuta 1 (5), 2 (2), 3 (3),
                                           3 (3), 4 (2); (one bird 11.71, 10.72,
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L. megarhyncos, contd.: 02.75; another 04.71, 02.73, 02.75)

Oenanthe pleschanka 1 (1)

Phoenicurus phoenicurus 1 (1), 2 (4), 3 (1)

Acrocephalus arundinaceus 1 (1)

Acrocephalus griseldis 1 (2), 2 (1); (one bird 10.74, 09.75, 10.76)

Acrocephalus scirpaceus 1 (8), 2 (6), 3 (1); one bird 01.71, 11.71, 10.72

Hippolais pallida 1 (5), 2 (1), 4 (1)

Locustella luscinioides 1 (2)

Sylvia atricapilla 1 (1), 2 (1)
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Sylvia borin 1 (3)
Sylvia curruca 2 (5)
Sylvia communis 1 (6)
Sylvia mystacea 3 (1)
Sylvia nisoria 1 (1), 2 (2)
Anthus trivialis 1 (1)
Motacilla alba 1 (2)
Motacilla flava 1 (10), 2 (4), 3 (4),
4 (1)
Lanius isabellinus 1 (1), 2 (2); one
bird 03.71, 03.72, 02.73
Lanius nubicus 1 (1), 2 (1).

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POSTSCRIPT

The following recovery was notified after the above was set.

CALIDRIS MINUTA LITTLE STINT

BP60178 2 21.10.74 Koka, 8.27N 39.06E, (Shoa). + 01.01.79 Suq Ash Shuyukh, 30.53N 46.28E, IRAQ, 4:2:11,

+ 01.01.79 Suq Ash Shuyukh, 30.53N 46.28E, IRAQ, 4:2:11

The following bird has been recovered but the details have not yet been received by the author.

CIRCAETUS GALLICUS PECTORALIS BLACK-CHESTED SNAKE EAGLE

1080714 6 04.05.76 Chifra, 11.39N 40.01E, (Wollo).